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For: HANDLING METHOD OF BODY FLUID SAMPLE AND ANALYSIS APPARATUS

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted. A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.

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REQUEST FOR APPROVAL OF PROPOSED DRAWING CORRECTIONS

Commissioner for Patents Mail Stop PGPUB Drawings P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

The Applicants request approval of the proposed drawing corrections shown in red ink on the attached copy of Fig. 1.

Respectfully submitted,

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